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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Fitzmaurice et al.

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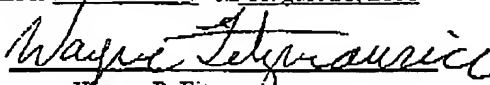
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Reply to Non-Final Office ActionMail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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August 21, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed May 19, 2005, wherein the examiner set a three-month period of time for response, this response is timely filed. Since August 19, 2006 is a Saturday, this response is timely filed on Monday August 21, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.